

REMARKS:

- 1) Referring to item 10) of the Office Action Summary, please approve and accept the Formal Drawings originally filed with this application on January 6, 2004.
- 2) Referring to item 12) of the Office Action, please acknowledge the foreign priority claim and receipt of the Certified Copy of the foreign priority application, which was filed with this application on January 6, 2004.
- 3) The specification has been amended to make a few clerical and editorial corrections, and to improve the US form of the Abstract. These amendments do not introduce any new matter. Entry thereof is respectfully requested.
- 4) The original claims have been amended editorially, and to incorporate the subject matter of prior claim 2 into independent claim 1. Claim 2 has been canceled. The dependency of claim 3 has been revised accordingly. Also, claims 1, 5 and 6 have been amended to make clear that the claimed subject matter is the seat hammock by itself, while the child-care instrument forms the unclaimed operating environment of the claimed seat hammock. The mere combination of claims and editorial revisions do not introduce any new matter. Entry and consideration of the claim amendments are respectfully requested.

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- 5) New claims 10 to 27 have been added. Claim 10 depends from claim 1, and is directed to the combination of the seat hammock with the child-care instrument. New claims 11 to 27 have been drafted "from the ground up" as a fresh approach at covering the inventive subject matter, with somewhat different claim style, format and terminology in comparison to the original claims, which were essentially a direct translation of corresponding foreign claims. The new claims are directed to a child-care instrument including a frame and a child support hammock mounted on the frame. The new claims have non-limiting support in the original disclosure as shown in the following table, and do not introduce any new matter. Entry and consideration of the new claims are respectfully requested.

New Claims	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Original Support	Cl.1 Figs.6,7	Cl.1,2, 6	Cl.1; Fig.7	Fig.7; pg.6, ln.34; pg.7, ln.18-22	Figs.6,7; pg.7, ln.18-22	Cl.6	Cl.6	Cl.3	Figs.6,7; pg.7, ln.13-17

New Claims	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Original Support	Figs.6,7; pg.7, ln.13-17	Figs.6,7; pg.7, ln.13-17	Cl.4	pg.6, ln.7	Cl.5	Cl.7; pg.7, ln.23-26	Cl.7; pg.7, ln.23-26	Cl.8	Cl.9; Figs.6,7

- 6) Referring to the top of page 2 of the Office Action, the clerical error in claim 1 has been corrected. Please withdraw the objection.

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- 7) Referring to pages 2 to 3 of the Office Action, the rejection of claims 1 to 9 as indefinite has been overcome by the present amendment. Namely, the claims are now clearly directed to the seat hammock by itself, while the child-care instrument merely forms the unclaimed operating environment of the seat hammock. Please withdraw the rejection under 35 USC §112, second paragraph.
- 8) Referring to the middle of page 4 of the Office Action, the indication of allowable subject matter in original claims 2 and 3 is appreciated. The subject matter of claim 2 has now been incorporated into independent claim 1. Thus, claim 1 and its dependent claims 3 to 10 should now be allowable. Furthermore, new independent claim 11 also incorporates the allowable subject matter of original claim 2. Thus, claim 11 and its dependent claims 12 to 27 should now be allowable.
- 9) Referring to pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action, the prior art rejections of claims 1 and 4 to 9 as anticipated by Suzuki, Eichborn, or Tam et al. have been obviated by the present amendments. Namely, all of the remaining claims incorporate the indicated allowable subject matter of non-rejected claim 2, so that the rejections are no longer applicable. Please withdraw the rejections.

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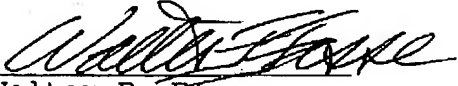
- 10) Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, including all present claims 1 and 3 to 27, are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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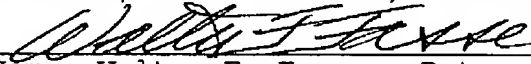
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